

tion of September 26, 1961 (36 U.S.C. 165), has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 20, 1977, as National Poison Prevention Week. I urge all Americans and all agencies and organizations concerned with the prevention of accidental poisonings and the welfare of our Nation's youngsters to join in activities designed to encourage the safe storage, use and handling of poisonous household substances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4487

February 14, 1977

National Employ the Older Worker Week, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our prosperity as a nation rests on our productivity as workers. Our happiness as individuals begins with our ability to find useful, rewarding jobs.

That is why I feel it so important that jobs be available for all our people able to perform them—people in every region, of every religion and color, and of every age. Time and again in our history we have benefitted from the skill and dedication of our older workers. But too often prejudices and stereotypes—not limitations of ability—have kept older Americans from fulfilling their full potential at work.

The law now recognizes our special responsibility to assure older workers an equal chance for jobs and promotions. Many private groups and organizations are now working to improve prospects for older workers. These efforts deserve our vigorous support.

To encourage and support educational efforts designed to make employers more aware of the advantages of hiring older workers, the Congress, by joint resolution approved April 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 396), has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning March 13, 1977, as National Employ the Older Worker Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 13, 1977, as National Employ the Older Worker Week. I call upon State and local officials, as well as labor, business, veterans, farm, religious, scientific, professional and other groups, to join with older workers in making the American people aware of the value of employing older

men and women. I urge all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs designed to promote employment opportunities for older workers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4488

February 16, 1977

Save Your Vision Week, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Over the past half-century, we have made remarkable progress in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of eye problems. Methods are available today that can restore vision or sharply reduce the risk of blindness that were unknown not long ago. Research conducted and supported by the National Eye Institute and many private organizations offers very real hope for finding ways to treat eye problems that are now beyond the reach of prevention or cure.

Despite our advances, millions of Americans fail to take advantage of the sophisticated vision care services available to them. Many older Americans accept poor vision as part of growing old. Millions of middle-aged Americans regard admitting a need for vision care as admitting to a loss of youth. Young people often foolishly believe their good vision will remain without care. Children are sometimes assumed to have no vision problems because they can read an eye chart when in fact they may be unable to see the printed page.

To remind all Americans of the importance of good vision and of ways to protect it, the Congress, by joint resolution approved December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 629, 36 U.S.C. 169a), has requested the President to proclaim the first week in March of each year as Save Your Vision Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 6, 1977 as Save Your Vision Week. I urge all Americans to mark this observance by learning how to take care of their eyes and availing themselves of professional eye care services. I call upon the vision care professions, the communications media, educators, and all public and private organizations which support sight conservation and vision research to join in activities to improve and protect the vision of all Americans.